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style themselves as Backward Classes for this purpose of admission, and thus sneak in and obtain more seats than are allotted to them?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have no information; if any cases are brought to notice, they will be dealt with properly."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the fact that Malayalees belong to a separate nationality, will the Government declare Malabar as a separate zone?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The West Coast is a separate zone, i.e., Malabar and South Kanara districts."

SRI VAVILALA GO ALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అయ్యా, Scheduled Classes కు medical college admissions విషయంలో reservation ఉన్నదాండి ?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

Industrial and Technical Training Schools in the State.

* 48 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Industrial and Technical Training Schools there are in the State; and

(*b*) what percentage of the seats in the Industrial and Technical Training Schools in the State has been reserved for Harijans?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Ninety.

" (*b*) There are fifteen Government institutions. Out of these, in Polytechnics which number eight, 15 per cent of the seats are reserved for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes which includes Harijans also. Some of the institutions in the State, aided by Government, such as Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya, Madras, Gokulam Cottage Industrial School, Madras, Harijan Industrial Schools at Kancheepuram and Bhimavaram, Sri Krishnashramam Industrial School, Guntur, etc., are mainly intended for Harijan students and the question of reservation of seats for Harijans in these institutions does not therefore arise. In the remaining schools there is no reservation."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" What is the percentage of the reservation?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Fifteen per cent."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Is any special consideration shown to those traditionally professional classes in the villages in the selection?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the Government Order which applies to all colleges applies to the polytechnics as well. A maximum of 50 marks is given for extra-curricular activities, sport, etc., and in regard to those who

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do not belong to the educationally Backward Classes, preference is to be given to a candidate whose father and grand-father have had no education. Beyond these facilities, there is no other special consideration shown."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Is the 25 per cent reservation observed in the case of candidates who belong to the Backward Classes? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir, 15 per cent for Scheduled Classes and 25 per cent for candidates belonging to the socially and educationally Backward Classes."

Bed-strength in the Chirala Hospital.

* 49 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to increase the bed-strength of Chirala Hospital during this year?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" In view of the representation made by the local people, will the Government consider the question of increasing the bed-strength of the hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The daily average attendance of in-patients does not show any need for extension."

The Metal Industries, Limited, Shoranur.

* 50 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government sealed the Metal Industries, Limited, Shoranur and Lakkidi;

(*b*) what steps the Government propose to take to re-open the same; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representation from the workers of the above factory regarding their arrears of wages, etc., and if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Government have attached these properties under the Revenue Recovery Act.

" (*b*) The Government do not propose to take any steps to re-open the factory under their own management at the present moment.

" (*c*) (i) No, Sir.

(ii) Does not arise."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know since how many months the concern has stopped work? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The properties have been attached from 6th December 1952."